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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above application as follows:

Specification, except claims:

Replace the original specification with the attached substitute specification, which includes no new matter whatsoever. A marked up version of the original specification is also attached.

Claims:

Claim 1, rewrite Claim 1 (amended) as follows:

1. (amended) A cover for protecting Deglet Noor dates from birds, rain, insects, wind, and sunburn while on the palm, which comprises:
- (a) said cover being in the shape of a bag;
 - (b) said cover being of ample size to enclose a [large] bunch;
 - (c) said bag being composed of a flexible fabric which allows free circulation of air throughout